

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-17 are presently active in this case, Claim 8 have been amended by the present amendment.

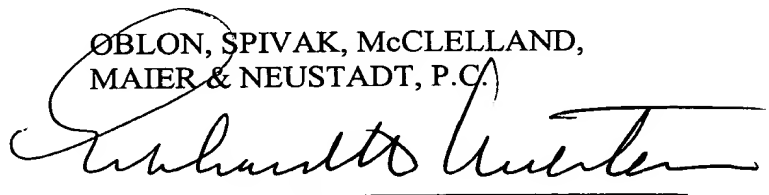
Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that Claims 1-17 are in condition for allowance.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 8 was objected to for a formal matter. Claim 8 is currently amended to adopt the language suggested in the Official Action, thereby to overcome the objection set forth by the Office Action.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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